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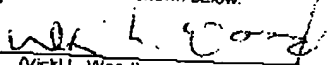
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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Correspondence dated March 2, 2006, please **do not** enter the Supplemental Amendment filed on September 16, 2005, and the Response to Non-Compliant Amendment filed on December 28, 2005. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows, in addition to the Amendment filed on June 21, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.